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DATE: October 30, 2017

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), Dental (D)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2017

On August 2, 2017, Iowa, as directed by the legislature, submitted a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to eliminate retroactive eligibility for all Medicaid applicants.

CMS has approved Iowa's request to eliminate the three month retroactive eligibility period, except for pregnant women (and during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the pregnancy) and infants under one year of age, for applications filed on or after November 1, 2017. This includes initial applications and applications to add new household members.

Medicaid applications that are received by DHS on or before October 31, 2017, will still be eligible for retroactive Medicaid benefits, if all other eligibility factors are met. The effective date of coverage for Medicaid remains unchanged and begins on the first of the month in which the application is received.

The elimination of retroactive coverage does **not** impact presumptive eligibility, annual renewals/reviews, or the 90-day reconsideration period.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338- 7909, Monday- Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.